



# News Release

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## ***PRELIMINARY PRICES FOR CROPS AND LIVESTOCK MIXED***

**SIOUX FALLS, May 31, 2010** -- Preliminary May prices were up from April for hay, while down for other crops, according to the South Dakota Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Preliminary prices for hogs and calves were up, while steers and heifers were down.

For May, the preliminary winter wheat price, at \$3.89, was down 27 cents from last month and down \$1.83 from last May. The spring wheat price, at \$4.90, was 81 cents lower than last month and \$2.20 lower than last year. The May soybean price, at \$8.95, was 23 cents lower than last month and \$1.55 lower than last year. The corn price, at \$3.09, was down 2 cents from last month and down 67 cents from last year. The preliminary all sunflower price, at \$12.70, was down \$1.20 from last month and down \$12.00 from last year.

The preliminary May barrow and gilt price, at \$65.90, was up \$6.60 from last month and up \$20.30 from last year, while sows, at \$53.50, were up \$4.00 from April and up \$13.20 from May 2009.

The preliminary May steer and heifer price, at \$105.00, was down \$1.00 from April but up \$12.40 from May of last year. Calves, at \$133.00, were up \$3.00 from last month and up \$19.00 from May 2009.

The May alfalfa price, at \$90.00 per ton, was up \$9.00 from last month and up \$8.00 from last year. The other hay price, at \$72.00, was up \$4.00 from last month and up \$2.00 from May 2009.

### **Prices Received by South Dakota Farmers**

Commodity	Unit	May 2009 <sup>1</sup>	April 2010 <sup>1</sup>	May 2010 <sup>2</sup>
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Corn	Bu.	3.76	3.11	3.09
Soybeans	Bu.	10.50	9.18	8.95
Sunflower	Cwt.	24.70	13.90	12.70
Wheat, All	Bu.	6.20	4.90	4.37
Winter	Bu.	5.72	4.16	3.89
Other Spring	Bu.	7.10	5.71	4.90
Oats	Bu.	2.12	2.16	1.99
Hay, All	Ton	80.00	78.00	86.00
Alfalfa	Ton	82.00	81.00	90.00
Other	Ton	70.00	68.00	72.00
Cattle, All Beef <sup>3</sup>	Cwt.	85.50	105.00	103.00
Cows	Cwt.	53.00	60.40	63.50
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	92.60	106.00	105.00
Calves <sup>4</sup>	Cwt.	114.00	130.00	133.00
Hogs, All	Cwt.	45.00	58.30	64.50
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	45.60	59.30	65.90
Sows	Cwt.	40.30	49.50	53.50
Lambs	Cwt.	113.00	135.00	NA
Sheep	Cwt.	26.70	37.30	NA

<sup>1</sup> Entire month. <sup>2</sup> Mid-month. <sup>3</sup> Over 500 lbs. <sup>4</sup> Under 500 lbs. NA = Not Available

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